

5 Practical Steps to Streamline Compliance and Cut Audit Fatigue

1 GET A CLEAR VIEW OF YOUR ENTIRE AUDIT LANDSCAPE

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Start by pulling together a full picture of all audits, assessments, and risk reviews happening across your organization (HITRUST, SOC 1, SOC 2, HIPAA, PCI, ISO, risk-based assessments and any client-specific requirements). This will help you spot overlaps, duplicate requests, and misaligned schedules that create unnecessary work.

2 SYNC TIMELINES ACROSS FRAMEWORKS

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Bring your audit schedules into alignment with a single, coordinated compliance calendar. When testing and reporting periods are in sync, you reduce internal disruption, avoid resource conflicts, and make the audit process more efficient for everyone involved.

3 CENTRALIZE HOW YOU COLLECT EVIDENCE

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Set up a shared system for collecting and tracking evidence - one that's easy to follow, has clear owners, and cuts out unnecessary steps. It should be secure, straightforward for both sides, and designed to minimize busy work like duplication or extra admin. At LBMC, we use leading audit software so you can spend more time gathering evidence and less time figuring out how to share it. As part of this, use what you've outlined in step two to make sure evidence checks all the right boxes - scope, timing, and relevance - across multiple assessments. That way, your team only needs to upload documentation once per cycle, saving time and avoiding repeated requests.

4 CONSOLIDATE CERTIFICATIONS WHERE IT MAKES SENSE

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If you have multiple certifications, look for opportunities to consolidate - like rolling everything into an enterprise HITRUST r2 certification. For new or mid-cycle needs, consider using i1 assessments with internal inheritance, then fold them into the next r2. It's a flexible, scalable approach that saves time without cutting corners. Similarly for SOC reports, consider scope, timing, and likelihood of any qualifications to determine the number of necessary reports.

5 TAILOR REPORTING TO YOUR AUDIENCE WITHOUT DUPLICATING EFFORT

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Partner with a firm that can support all of your assurance needs from a single audit stream. A well-structured process can deliver multiple outputs, like HITRUST reports, SOC 2s, and internal risk summaries, without running separate audits. It's a smarter way to serve regulators, clients, and internal teams all at once.